in the State Sector to Orissa and other States is given in the statement attached. [*See* Appendix CXLV, Annexure No. 108].

(c) The following steps have been taken to promote Adult Education in Orissa:—

(i) 19 Rural Functional Literacy Projects (RFLPs) with 5700 centres are functioning in the State.

(ii) 1800 centres are also functioning under 6 State Adult Education Projects (SAEPs).

(iii) The State was sanctioned grant for preparing 60,000 literacy kits for use by student volunteers under Mass Programme for Functional Literacy (MPFL).

(iv) A grant of Rs. 18.00 lakhs has been released under Special Component Plan (SCP) and Rs. 74.70 lakhs under Tribal Sub-Plan (TSP) during 1987-88. under the Scheme of RFLPs.

(v) 19 Voluntary Agencies have been sanctioned a total grant of Rs. 28.68 lakhs for undertaking 990 Adult Education Centres.

(vi) A total enrolment of 2.86 lakh person has been reported (upto December, 1987).

**Malfunctioning of the primary health centres in U. P.**

3003. SHRI J. P. GOYAL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item which appeared in the Indian Express dated the 13th February, 1988 with the caption 'Where Ward Boys perform operations' wherein it has been stated that compounders, ward boys and chowkidars are acting as doctors in about 300 Primary Health Centres in Uttar Pradesh attending to patients, prescribing and dispensing medicines and sometimes even performing operations;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard; and

(c) what is the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. Report of the State Government has been called regarding this matter.

**Finding of Indo-US panel of scientists Report on the IDD**

3004. SHRI J. P. GOYAL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a news item which appeared in the *Hindustan Times* dated the 21st January, 1988 with the caption '30 p.c. Delhites suffer from IDD';

(b) whether according to one of the findings of the Indo-US panel of scientist which reviewed some of the [illegible] under the Indo-US Science and Technology Initiative, some 20,000 children in the country go blind every year which could be prevented; and

(c) if so, what is the reaction of Government and what steps have been taken to improve the situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) The Government has seen the news item appeared in the Hindustan Times dated 21-1-1988.

(b) This Ministry is not aware of the findings of the Indo-US panel of scientists.

(c) In order to control goitre and other iodine deficiency disorders, adequate quantities of iodised salt is being supplied in the Union Territory of Delhi. During 1987, 97,430 MTs of iodised salt had been supplied.

**Declaration of National Highway from Berhampur to Raipur**

3005. SHRI JAGADISH JANI: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to declare the State Road from Berhampur in Orissa to

Raipur in Madhya Pradesh as National Highway;

(b) if so, the steps taken to implement the above proposal; and

(c) whether it is likely to be declared as National Highway in 1988-89?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Owing to financial constraints in the Central Sector Roads programme in the 7th Five Year Plan and other priority considerations, it is not possible to include the road in question in the network of National Highways.

**Energy conservation campaign by Railways**

3006. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Railways have launched massive campaign for energy conservation to save coal, diesel and electricity; and

(b) what is the total amount of money to be saved by Railways by this energy saving campaign?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No specific target has been laid down.

**Scheme to Strengthen Educational Infrastructure**

3007. SHRIMATI KAILASHPATI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have initiated a scheme to strengthen educational infrastructure and to provide job opportunities to people living in the border States of Gujarat, Punjab, Rajasthan and Jammu and Kashmir; if so, what are the details in this regard;

(b) what are the details of different programmes to be implemented under the said scheme in Punjab, the amount earmarked and the areas to be covered under the said schemes;

(c) whether Fazilka in Punjab would be covered by the programme under the said schemes; if so, what are the details thereof and if not, what are the reasons therefor; and

(d) what has been the progress of scheme so far in Punjab?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L. P. SHAHI): (a) The Scheme of Border Area Development (Education) Programme which covers four border States of Jammu and Kashmir, Punjab, Rajasthan and Gujarat lays emphasis on overall human resource development and the strategy is that the sections of the people who have remained deprived of educational and developmental opportunities receive priority. Under the Scheme, funds are provided to the State Governments for opening new schools, providing essential facilities to schools, setting up of adult education and non-formal education centres, establishment of Polytechnics and ITIs and for youth programmes and programmes of cultural development, etc.

(b) and (c) Administrative approval of Rs. 8,59,45,000/- has been issued during 1987-88 for construction of school buildings, strengthening of infrastructure in schools, procuring of land for District Institute of Education and Training, non-formal and adult education, Youth Development programme and for Technical Education, including strengthening and establishment of ITIs. Three Border Districts of Punjab viz. Amritsar, Ferozepur (which includes Fazilka) and Gurdaspur are covered under the Scheme.

(d) So far an amount of Rs. 5,23,95,000/- has been released to the Government of Punjab for strengthening of infrastructure in schools, procuring land for DIET, non-formal and adult